

**In the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure to read as follows. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.72, the abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper, following page 6 of this amendment.

Please insert the following abstract after page 12 of the specification:

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**DENTAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The invention provides a dental device comprising a sheath for fitting over a tooth, the sheath carrying a haemostatic agent in at least one region thereof, wherein the sheath comprises a generally cylindrical body having at least a first end and a second end, at least one of said first and second presenting a circumferential margin carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent, and wherein the at least one end carrying at least part of the haemostatic agent is open to a cavity and the other end is closed. A method of inhibiting or preventing gingival bleeding and a method of retracting gingivae using such a device are also provided. --